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Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council¹ Update

District: Penquis

Date: 03/23/10

Brief review of decisions and outcomes from DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting (please attach agendas):

-Robin Mayo was selected as the new Penquis District State Coordinating Council Representative; Bea Szantyr will remain as the alternate.

-Accomplishments from the last year were shared with the Penquis DCC members.

- The District Coordinating Council (DCC) was convened and has been meeting for over eighteen months
- A Governance Structure has been established
- There is an active Penquis District Steering Committee
- The Penquis District has representation at the State Coordinator Council meeting
- The District Public Health Liaison has been hired
- The first Penquis District Public Health Unit Meeting was held in November
- H1N1 Team is meeting regularly made up of Partners and District Coordinating Council Members
- Thousands of people in the Penquis Regions were vaccinated by our DCC Partners
- The Penquis District completed the Local Public Health Assessment
- The HMPs have completed the Community Themes and Strengths Assessment
- Penquis District has an annual district scholarship program available to Clinical Healthcare Providers, staff and Social Service Providers to attend the Basic Tobacco Skills and Intensive Tobacco Skills Training
- The DCC has access to Healthy Maine Partnerships (HMP) whose primary goal is to promote health and disease prevention. The HMPs are working collaboratively to provide similar resources and media messages to the entire District. The HMPs are linked with local resources.
- The Penquis District piloted the Governor's www.keepmewell.org program that provides a personal health assessment and also links people to the 2-1-1 System. Kick-off planned in January.

-Membership documents were explained and distributed at the meeting. The membership was asked to consider serving on one of four committees: Governance, Membership, District Health Improvement Plan, or Steering Committee. The members were also asked to identify what sector they represent so the Membership Committee can identify gaps.

-Capacity Building- The HMP shared the capacity grant tools (web cams; web based tools, and material). The DCC may look at online web training for orientation and other education.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

- Addressing membership issues
- Developing a regular committee schedule
- Developing a written work plan for the LPHSA
- Administering the Forces of Change Assessment

Status of Local Public Health System Assessment:

- The Local Public Health System Assessment (LPHSA) was revisited by the DCC as a whole. The group



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decided to commit the work to the District Health Improvement Committee to look at more closely and make recommendations to the full DCC at the April meeting.

Organizations represented at meeting(s):

Maine CDC/DHHS
City Health Department
Health Care Providers
Comprehensive Community Health Coalitions/ Healthy Maine Partnerships
Area Agency on Aging
Mental Health Services
Emergency Management
Higher Education
Other

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

-HMP Forces of Change Assessment at the Penquis DCC meeting

Issues or topics to be addressed by SCC:

None to report at this time

Other district issues (external to the DCC) that impact public health

None to report at this time

¹Sec. 5. 22 MRSA c. 152

A district coordinating council for public health shall:

1. Participate as appropriate in district-level activities to help ensure the state public health system in each district is ready and maintained for accreditation;
2. Provide a mechanism for district-wide input to the state health plan under Title 2, section 103;
3. Ensure that the goals and strategies of the state health plan are addressed in the district; and
4. Ensure that the essential public health services and resources are provided for in each district in the most efficient, effective and evidence-based manner possible.

AGENDA

Penquis District Coordinating Council

Friday, January 15, 2010

Helen Hunt Health Center

Old Town, Maine

Vision Statement: The Penquis DCC will be the unified voice for collaborative public health in the Penquis District.

Mission Statement: The Penquis DCC will be the district-wide body for collaborative public health planning and decision making for functions that are more efficiently and effectively accomplished at the District level.